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1. "MBASSY IS BEING INSTRUCTED BY REFTEL TO BRIEF THE
SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ON PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S RECENT
VISIT TO THE U.S. FOLLOWING MATERIAL IS TO BE USED.

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-- THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN WAS ANOTHER STEP IN
THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING WITH THE PARTIES THAT WILL NOW
CONTINUE WITH THE MEETINGS THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE WITH
ARAB LEADERS OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS OR SO.

-- THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS
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SERVE TO ADVANCE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. HE BELIEVES
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO TALK ABOUT THE REAL ISSUES IN INCREASING
DETAIL SO THAT THE UNITED STATES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE
PARTIES THEMSELVES CAN GRADUALLY COME TO SEE WHAT THE
DIFFERENCES ARE AMONG THE POSITIONS AND HOW THEY CAN BE
BRIDGED.

-- WITH THIS IN MIND, THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED:

-- HOW THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN GETTING TO GENEVA CAN BE RESOLVED;

-- THE TERRITORIAL ISSUES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO SECURITY;

-- THE COMPONENTS OF PEACE TO BE AGREED UPON IN, AND TO FOLLOW FROM, A SETTLEMENT;

-- THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN ITS SEVERAL ASPECTS.

-- THE PRESIDENT ASKED PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO EXPLAIN THE ISRAELI VIEWPOINT ON THESE ISSUES IN DEPTH. THE PRESIDENT DERIVED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE ISRAELI POSITION.

-- THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE ISRAELI POSITION AND IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT THIS VISIT, COMING SO EARLY IN THE PROCESS AND DURING AN ISRAELI ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN ANY CHANGE.

-- THE PRESIDENT PUT FORWARD NO SPECIFIC U.S. PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PARTIES BUT THE DISCUSSIONS RANGED OVER A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE APPROACHES.

-- THE REMARKS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT AT HIS MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE INDICATE THE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES THAT HAD
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BEEN DISCUSSED, AND THAT WE ASKED THE ISRAELIS TO CONSIDER ON SOME OF THE ISSUES:

-- CAN SECURITY BE SEPARATED FROM SOVEREIGNTY OVER TERRITORY?

-- HOW SHOULD THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIES AND BOUNDARIES BE RELATED TO THE FULL PEACE THAT ISRAEL WANTS IN A SETTLEMENT?

-- WITH RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUES THE QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED HOW THE ARAB DESIRE FOR A PALESTINIAN ENTITY COULD BE RECONCILED WITH THE ISRAELI FEELING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO THIRD STATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THE QUESTION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WHETHER, IF THERE IS SOME MODIFICATION IN THE PALESTINIAN POSITION CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO SOLVE THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE. WE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSIONS THE IDEAS THAT THE ARAB LEADERS

HAD EXPRESSED TO ME DURING MY MIDDLE EAST TRIP.

-- BY THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, NO ALTERNATIVES WERE
FORECLOSED. END TEXT.
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